

## South King County Projects Update

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## South King County Traffic Closures This Week

**NOTE: No traffic closures are scheduled from noon Friday, Sept. 2 to noon Tuesday, Sept. 6 to accommodate Labor Day weekend travelers.**

### Interstate 5

- **Two lanes of southbound I-5** will close Monday through Thursday nights (Aug. 29-Sept. 1) from S. 336<sup>th</sup> to the Pierce County line. The first lane will close at 8 p.m., the second at 11 p.m. Both lanes will reopen by 6 a.m. Crews are hauling material from the median.
- The **far left lane of southbound I-5** will close Monday through Friday (Aug. 29-Sept. 2) between Military Road and S. 320<sup>th</sup> from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day (noon on Friday). Crews are working in the median.
- **Three lanes of northbound I-5** will close Monday through Thursday nights (Aug. 29-Sept. 1) from S. 320<sup>th</sup> to Military Road. The first lane will close at 6 p.m., the second at 7 p.m., and the third at 11 p.m. All northbound lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. each morning. Crews are placing temporary striping and working on the northbound I-5 bridge over Military Road.
- Drivers should expect daytime **shoulder closures** on I-5 from S. 320<sup>th</sup> to the Pierce County line for electrical work.

### Highway 18

- **One lane in each direction of Highway 18 near I-5** will close from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Thursday nights (Aug. 29-Sept. 1) for bridge work.
- Drivers should expect daytime **shoulder closures** on Highway 18 near I-5 for electrical work.

## Construction Updates

### **I-5 - S. 317<sup>th</sup> HOV Direct Access Military Road South to South 320<sup>th</sup> Street**

Crews are removing pavement from the northbound on-ramp from S. 320<sup>th</sup> for shoulder widening. We're shifting the northbound I-5 lanes slightly further from the median to provide more room as crews pour new concrete barrier north and south of the S. 317<sup>th</sup> bridge. Construction continues on the new HOV ramps in the median.

Tonight and Wednesday night (Aug. 30 and 31) crews will remove the asphalt surface on the northbound I-5 bridge over Military Road. Drivers should use caution and expect a grooved deck surface on the bridge and bumps at either end of the bridge for about two weeks. We plan to make deck repairs next week and pave the bridge surface the following week. This work will extend the lifespan of the bridge, which was built in 1959.

Please view our new [I-5 – S. 317<sup>th</sup> construction photos](#).

### **I-5 HOV Widening South 320<sup>th</sup> Street to the King/Pierce County Line**

We're removing excess dirt from the median and placing crushed rock as a base for the new HOV lane pavement. We're building a retaining wall in the median at S. 375<sup>th</sup>. We're placing concrete for light pole foundations and for the I-5 bridge widening at S. 336<sup>th</sup>. Visit the [I-5 HOV widening page](#) for more information on this project.

## Height Difference Changes Plans for Barrier at HOV Ramps

We're currently obtaining materials to build a retaining wall between the northbound and southbound I-5 lanes at the north end of the new S. 317<sup>th</sup> HOV ramps. The plans originally called for building a three-foot-tall barrier at this location, but the most recent information shows the height difference between northbound and southbound I-5 at this location is greater than the project plans projected. The originally planned barrier would not be strong enough to shore up the higher southbound lanes, so we need to build a ten-foot-tall retaining wall instead.

In spite of this change, WSDOT and Sound Transit still expect to complete the new HOV ramps and bridge in fall 2005, subject to weather conditions. We also expect to remain within the project budget. For more information about this project, visit [WSDOT](#) and [Sound Transit's](#) project Web sites.

## WSDOT Reports to You on Our Performance

With the summer highway construction season at its peak, many people are wondering, "What have you done for me lately?"

"Measures, Markers and Mileposts," also called the Gray Notebook, uses narratives, graphs and tables to provide up-to-date information on WSDOT's project delivery record, highways, rail, ferries, and many other details of the state's transportation system. Visit our Web site to view the latest edition of the [Gray Notebook](#), covering the quarter ending June 30, 2005.

## Labor Day Weekend

Next Monday, Sept. 5, we observe Labor Day. If you're celebrating the unofficial end of summer by traveling, a little planning can help make your holiday weekend safe and enjoyable. We encourage you to check out [travel information](#) on our Web site before departing.

Whenever possible, we avoid construction closures around holidays to accommodate travelers. Most crews will stop work by noon on Friday, Sept. 2 and resume on Tuesday morning, Sept. 6. Enjoy your holiday!

## Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to **AM 1520** to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at [JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov).

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